


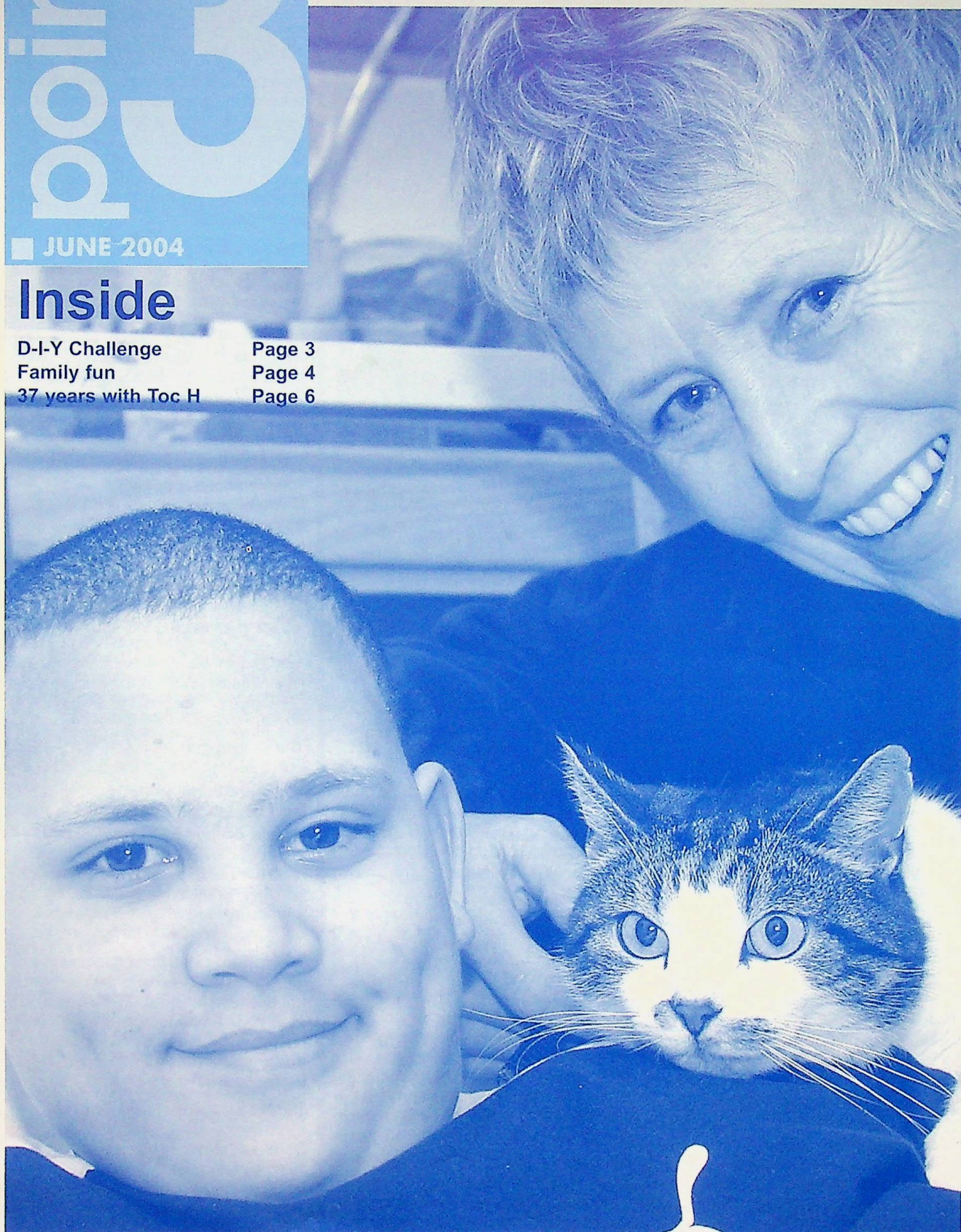
# point 3

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In commemoration: Members of Penn Toc H with Gay (fourth from left), her sister Ann Quigley (third from left) and some of the staff of Alison House after they had planted a beech tree to commemorate the contribution her mother made to Toc H.

## A good friend from Toc H

**Gay Hadley is one of the trustees who look after Alison House, the Toc H conference and residential centre based in the heart of the Peak District. Alison House provides family holidays for people who enjoy walking and cycling in the country, or day courses in learning to paint or industrial history. Users of its conference facilities include businesses, local authorities and church groups.**

Gay Hadley got involved with Toc H when she became a volunteer at 14 helping with soup kitchens in the back streets of Birmingham.

"I wanted something exciting to do," she recalls. "It makes me shudder now to think about the dangers - I went around offering soup down those back alleys!"

And 40 years later she's still doing something unusual - taking her pets into hospital to help children recover. Chrissie, her cat, has been

recognised on national TV as 'Best Friend' in the hospital visiting scheme known as 'Pets as Therapy' - and Gay's dog Max also visits enthusiastically.

Gay reckons she learned about the 'Four Points of the Compass' before she learned the Ten Commandments - from her mother, who had distinguished service with Toc H, and her father who, although not a member, was very supportive.

"Later on I became part of an ad hoc group of Toc H volunteers who did gardening and that sort of thing," she says. "I attended a lot of Toc H events, and even met Tubby Clayton. I was drawn back in when Alison House was born - I helped organise holidays for families there."

Gay became a trustee of Alison House in 1996, and is very proud of the atmosphere of the stone building which dates back to Victorian times.

"The atmosphere here is very special - and so is the cooking, which people always remember. They're both down to the staff!"

**Gay says: "When Toc H Women's Association bought Alison House there were two beautiful beech trees in the grounds. Sadly they became unsafe and had to be taken down. My mother always mourned their loss and would be delighted that a beech tree once again takes pride of place."**

House, currently an independent charity, into the heart of Toc H.

Gay's mother was also far from an ordinary member. Marjorie Berry used her home for her Toc H work, providing hospitality for Dutch soldiers, and later students from the Malayan Teacher Training College - in fact anyone who she felt needed to be part of a family was welcome. Marjorie was also a member of the National Council of Women, which was consulted by the government on issues involving women, and in that capacity she was invited to visit the then divided East and West Germany.

Marjorie joined the Central Council of Toc H, eventually becoming Chairman of the Central Executive Committee, and was later appointed Toc H Vice-President.

As a trustee of Alison House, Gay says she and her fellow trustees are "very excited" about the chance to work more closely with the other Talbot Centres, and to bring Alison

## Library work is a really good read

The Toc H Cymru library service in Cardiff is going from strength to strength - and not only in South Wales.

New projects include a book donation scheme in co-operation with the Velindre Hospital, a designated cancer centre near Whitchurch, Cardiff. The public can leave books at the hospital, which are collected, sorted and labelled by sixth-form pupils, for use in local hospitals.

Links are also growing with Social Services who are providing volunteers with learning difficulties to help in the library work.

If any Point 3 readers wish to donate unwanted discs or videos they should be sent to Toc H Talbot Centre, 23 Westbourne Avenue, Rhyl, LL18 1EG.

Toc H Cymru took over the 23-outlet library service, previously run by St John Ambulance, along with the 80 volunteers who operated it, in September. The outlets are based at general and community hospitals and mental-health units throughout Wales.

## Fresh look at ways to help

Toc H Cymru's Talbot Centre staff in Rhyl are busy redecorating and refurbishing the premises, and looking ahead to several new projects.

The local branch of B&Q has donated boxes of floor tiles for the kitchen and wallpaper, and a gift of £350 worth of painting materials is in the pipeline.

Nine beds and bed linen have been acquired for the five bedrooms and the centre will soon be able to offer respite holidays by the North Wales seaside for families in need who otherwise would not have been able to have a break.

The centre is also hoping to house a weekly "Men only group" for men who have a need to talk about problems, or seek help. Advertisements have been put in the local press, and fliers distributed to doctors' surgeries and other outlets to gauge interest.

Toc H's Susan Peel said: "We feel there is a need for a men's group. Some of them may be ex-alcoholics or victims of domestic abuse. A confidential meeting place may help them by allowing them to share their experiences."



# All Hallows-by-the-Tower — a special service

Every year on the second Saturday in December, a carol service is held for South East region members at All Hallows-by-the-Tower. Ladies from EC and Tower Hill branches organise refreshments, and the service is organised by Connie Pring.

However, costs are escalating and over the past couple of years there has been a shortfall, so extra funding is needed for the service to go ahead again this year. (Members pay to attend.)

All Hallows by-the-Tower was where Tubby Clayton became vicar in 1922.

He was asked to 'bring new life to this ancient and then somewhat moribund church'.

All Hallows gave him a base, enabled him to distance himself from the day-to-day administration of Toc H, and gave him the freedom to act as a roving ambassador for the movement. He was the Vicar of All Hallows for the next 40 years and Tower Hill was his home for the rest of his life.

In 1940 All Hallows Church was bombed and Tubby's first priority after the war was its rebuilding, a task which required

all his energy and powers of persuasion. In America in 1947 he also launched the Winant Volunteers scheme, named for his friend John Gilbert Winant, America's wartime ambassador to Britain. This has brought groups of American students to Britain each summer since, for work in youth clubs and on summer camps and playschemes. In 1959 this became an exchange programme, the British groups being named Clayton Volunteers in honour of Tubby.

For more details visit [www.wcva.dircon.co.uk](http://www.wcva.dircon.co.uk)

## Prince's Trust youngsters take on DIY challenge

In what at times seemed like the set of TV's 'Groundforce' and 'Changing Rooms' rolled into one, Toc H Castlefield's centre in Halton, Runcorn, was transformed in just over two weeks by fifteen young people working on their Prince's Trust project.

"I was gobsmacked," said Norma Buckley, who has been a Toc H member for 12 years. "They came in at 9 o'clock one morning, and began to put in new wooden floors, painted, hung wallpaper, put up shelves and even transformed the outside, replacing old flags and making a little garden with a rockery and bench. It is beautiful. It really is."

### Garden

The idea came when Norma went to a meeting to choose activities for The Prince's Trust Team volunteers, as her 18-year-old twin daughter Elizabeth was one of the young people involved in The Trust's 12-week personal development course. After hearing other suggestions, she thought: "Maybe they can come and paint the Toc H centre for us."

So, the centre, in a former council house, was put forward as one of several from which the young people



Young people receive their Prince's Trust certificates.

themselves made a final choice. But before any work could start, they had to find the money for materials by fund-raising.

They made about £500 by helping customers at the local Morrison's supermarket pack their shopping bags and raised it to about £600 with a fund-raising day in the centre of Runcorn, accompanied by Cheshire Fire Brigade, with one of the young people dressing as the fire service mascot, Welephant. The entire project was run by the fire brigade, who work in partnership with The Prince's Trust.

Norma said: "None of the young people had been involved with fund-raising before so that was an experience for them. And in addition to the excellent work they did with the house and garden, they also learned about First Aid and health and safety in the workplace."

They also had to take responsibility for buying such things as cleaning materials and even small items of furniture.

Toc H Community Development Officer Linda Hosty added: "They took complete ownership of everything they did. They were learning real skills, including joinery, hanging wallpaper, painting and gardening."

Inspectors who checked over the work were very impressed with what they had achieved. It was so successful; we are looking into the possibility of rolling out similar projects throughout Cheshire, and beyond."

Through practical support including training, mentoring and financial assistance, The Prince's Trust helps 14-30 year olds realise their potential and transform their lives. For further information contact [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk) or 0800 842 842.

All the good work was recognised in an awards ceremony, attended by the Mayor and representatives from the local youth service and from Connexions, the youth support organisation.



# Turning heartache into fun for all the family

*Children's normal behaviour can often drive parents to distraction, but when overactive and impulsive behaviour is the result of a disability, what help is on offer?*

**In Tunbridge Wells, Kent, Toc H is providing a valuable service for parents of children who are suffering Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).**

The ADHD and Similar Difficulties Family Support Group, based at the Toc H Centre in the town, is a year old this month. Sally Simms, inTOUCH Development Worker, said: "Our group provides support and respite for the whole family, not just the child. It is also unique in the fact that we are there to support parents of children who think they have the syndrome and have yet to be diagnosed."

Thirty families in Tunbridge Wells and surrounding areas are helped by the support group, which is based at the Toc H Community Hall.

Although the signs of ADHD - overactive behaviour, impulsive

behaviour and difficulty in paying attention - show up from the age of two or three, children do not get certified for the difficulty until they are seven.

Sally says: "When they are being diagnosed, or just have been, is when parents need the most help and support."

Activities organised by the Toc H group, which include trips to the countryside, not only provide entertainment and fun, but also help the children to form relationships with other children and build their confidence.

Sally says: "Parents can feel very isolated and often get to a point where they don't want to take their children out, preferring to avoid contact with other people. You do not go shopping with them. Normal things, parts of everyday life, become difficult. You don't want to take them to a neighbourhood barbecue because you are worried what they might do."

The value and success of the Tunbridge

Wells scheme is summed up in the comment of one eleven-year-old who has ADHD. He said: "I think people should come to the club at Toc H hall because we all have a great, fun time. I want to know more people like me so we can have fun like a big family."

"The self-esteem and confidence that has been allowed to grow within the group is astounding. We have parents who are growing by the day. Some

have signed up for college courses in IT and basic English and Maths to help their children at school.

Grandparents also have signed up for these courses."

The Toc H group is now working towards

expanding the support services to Edenbridge near Sevenoaks.

As well as this group, with High Brooms Branch support, an afternoon club for older members of the local community has been set up. It meets every Wednesday afternoon and there is a rolling programme of a tea-dance, beetle drive, bingo and indoor bowls. Sally says: "We have anything from 12-30 people attending and friendships have been created and developed. The volunteers who help are local Toc H members and there is a good chance of several of the club becoming Toc H members in the very near future."

Sally is also involved in supporting a group of families who educate their children at home. They use the hall once a week for taikwondo in the mornings and educational sessions in the afternoon. Sally hopes to get involved in more family work with them later in the year.



Bingo fun at Tunbridge Wells.

## Christmas is coming so get ready

June may not be the time most people think about Christmas, but it's never too early to take a look at what Toc H volunteers have in store for later in the year - and already plans are afoot for a tinsel and turkey party in Hertfordshire.

Many more events are planned. The April-to-September programme was printed in the last edition of Point 3, and here are some events for later in the year. Full details of these and other events are on the Toc H website.

**20-27 September. Holiday with disabled adults.** Ashwellthorpe Hall, near Wymondham, Norfolk. (Minimum age: 18) This is an opportunity to lend your arms and legs for a week to help a disabled person enjoy a holiday in the delightful, rural atmosphere of Ashwellthorpe Hall, a 16th century manor house fully equipped to cater for all types of physical disabilities. For further details telephone Alan Brooke on 01362 693629.

**11-18 October. Autumn L.E.A.F. Holiday.** Ashwellthorpe Hall, near Wymondham, Norfolk. (Minimum age: 18). Come and share a week helping "lonely, elderly, active, folk" who might not otherwise have a holiday. For further details telephone Alan Brooke on 01362 693629.

**29-31 October. Barton Bonfire Party.** Farings Nature Reserve, Barton-on-Humber, North Lincs. Join the Barton and District Toc H Action Group at the Farings Nature Reserve. Plenty of hard work but we do know how to enjoy ourselves. Come and join us and make your weekend go off with a bang! For details email Paul Dimoline at paul.dimo@btinternet.com

**30 October. Pensioners' Playtime.** Another annual event at Cuffley Youth Centre, Herts. This time our clients are pensioners from Cuffley and Cheshunt. The entertainment is a tea dance with music and encouragement by George Sexton. We decorate the youth centre according a theme, prepare food, and - if brave enough - take to the dance floor for the odd circular waltz. Not residential anymore but we can arrange overnight accommodation on the Friday and/or Saturday nights if necessary. Email Steve Smith at steve@roydonmill.com



## Learning success a family affair

Jennifer Baker, founder of the Y-Action, a Toc H youth group based in Glebe Green, has won the Cheshire Learning Partnership's Young Learner Award.

It was presented at a ceremony at Chester Racecourse. Her mother Karen was named runner-up in the adult Learner of the Year category.

Y-Action Group was set up by Jennifer and Karen, with assistance from the Vale Royal branch, to provide community-based activities for children over ten.

### Youth

Jennifer came up with the idea for Y-Action after she took a course at a youth empowerment organisation based at Manchester's Trafford Hall. The group allows members to meet in a safe place and get involved in a wide range of activities including cooking, crafts and sports.

The group works with other agencies and charities, including the Youth Federation, the Young Movers at Trafford Hall, Connexions, Winsford Youth Forum, the Cheshire Learning Partnership, the Skills Council and ACDP (Active Community Development Partnership). ACDP help to organise activities which include kick-boxing, self-defence, street dance, team building through sports, and First Aid training.

### Proud

Karen Baker is proud of their achievements and has lots of fun with Y-Action. She says: "We have lots of exciting things and have made new friends." Karen strongly believes in the importance of basic skills and confidence-building activities. "Everyone in the group values all their learning experiences, be they informal, vocational or recreational", she added.

Members and their families have been encouraged to take relevant training courses and gain accreditation.

The group's membership is constantly expanding, and currently has 75 youths from the local area.



## Noel creates a proud new record

Proud mum Chimu Brown, a member of Toc H staff at the Croydon Refugee Day Centre, shows off little Noel. Noel, now seven months, is the first baby born to a member of staff in six years.

## Obituaries

**Joan E Batten**  
Bala (W)

**Joyce D Beeken**  
Melton Mowbray Friendship

**Joyce Helen Bonnett**  
Spalding

**Edith R M Carter**  
East Midlands

**Peter J Ellis**  
London District

**Willa J McIntosh Frost**  
Wolverhampton

**Edna Gillard**  
South East

**Eric Goatham**  
South Devon Branch

**Gertrude Grundy**  
Heart of England

**Joyce Lunniss**  
South West

**Percy Panting**  
Lincolnshire District

**Edward Pym**  
Hazel Grove

**Bernice V Redfern**  
Hayes

**Peter Snell**  
West Midlands

**Sidney Stowe**  
West Midlands



Staff and delegates gathered at Birmingham University for a briefing session.

Left to right they are, *Back:* Margaret Williams, David Adrian, Cormac McCarthy, Ayob Sesange, Richard Copestick, Tina O'Neil, Adaeze Anaenugwu, Mentor Kulluli, Celia Jones-Cox. *Front:* Linda Hosty, Angela Gregory, Rodney Stares, Charmaine Walters, Tony Baldock, Ken Cockerton



# John says it's impossible to stop thinking about Toc H

John Burgess has retired as the Toc H National Branch and Membership Development Officer after 37 years service. He is possibly the longest-serving Toc H staff member.

John was recently seriously injured in a car accident, suffering a broken neck. Although he hopes to make a full recovery, he has unfortunately needed to retire early.

"But I won't disappear," he says. "I have had a wonderful 37 years' with the Toc H staff and you can't just lose that. After my health has stabilised I shall be back volunteering in some capacity. In fact, it's impossible to stop thinking how you can help or raise money."

## Incentive

It was as "a very bored 15-year-old" that John was first introduced to Toc H. He says: "I used to belong to a football and athletic club which met in a gym. When they could no longer meet there I went with my father to the local Toc H branch in Colchester where I was very warmly welcomed by everyone - apart from one very dear old boy who was very patronising, and that was a good incentive for me to go again!"

The visit was lifechanging. John became a regular volunteer and in 1967 he was invited to join the staff. He immediately went to Germany to become assistant warden at a British Army on the Rhine Toc H Services club. He later took over as manager of one of the clubs and stayed for a further three years until he came back to become National Youth and Projects Co-ordinator at the Toc H HQ, which was then at Tower Hill.

Four years later he was asked to go to "Mark III" - a custom-built centre, Prideaux House in Hackney, as development officer/manager. John says: "We had 28 residents who were a really good mixture with occupations ranging from the local milkman to a company secretary, and students. People came from all over the world. As part of their commitment, they went

out into the community and we ran many projects including summer camps, play schemes, pre-school nursery and play groups, and a pensioners' luncheon and social club."



*John: retiring after 37 years' service*

John set up a custom-built youth centre in the grounds and, under his leadership, the organisation founded a Women's Aid Centre for Hackney. Women who had been abused, often physically and mentally, would either be referred by the police, or find their own way to a refuge where Toc H volunteers would help them move in, take the children to Sunday lunch and generally be very supportive.

In 1977 John and his wife, Marolyn, moved to Hatfield where John became a field worker for Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, founding a whole range of new projects which are still running - such as developing community houses and residential work.

Part of that work was to recruit and train leaders to help the families of British troops who were stationed in Germany but serving in places such as Northern Ireland and Iraq.

Later John was asked to become National Branch and Membership Officer at Toc H HQ which was then in Wendover.

## 'A member forever'

It seems strange to Joyce Fowler of Beckenham, Kent, that she's in the latest list of Toc H new members. She says: "You see, I feel I've been a member forever." Joyce's late father, Alfred John Roberts, who served in the First World War, was a Toc H officer in Stepney. Later her daughter Lois joined Toc H as a student and took part in supervising young people on summer work projects in Germany.

Joyce says: "Point 3 has always been sent to my house, so I keep in touch with what is happening and I think it's wonderful how Toc H keeps re-inventing itself and stays relevant." Joyce decided to make the lifelong association "official" so joins our list of "newcomers."

Three junior members also join the Toc H ranks - Iain Reynolds and brothers David and Andrew Mills. Iain's cousin, Harry Parkman, also wanted to join but can't because he's only four! The boys are all involved with a support group in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, which is reported on elsewhere in this edition of Point 3.

Sisters Joan Hanson and Eileen Page of Bridlington are also new members. Joan is the local treasurer and Eileen helps out with transport. Their introduction to the wider work of Toc H came through attending weekly bingo sessions.

## Our new members are:

**David Mills**  
South East  
(junior member)

**Iain Reynolds**  
South East  
(junior member)

**Andrew Mills**  
South East  
(junior member)

**Francis Braganza**  
North West

**Lisa Mullard**  
North West

**Joyce Fowler**  
South East

**Joan Hanson**  
Yorkshire & Humber

**Eileen Page**  
Yorkshire & Humber

**M Dixon**  
South East



**W**hy is the Toc H lamp shining again? I have been asked this question twice recently. My answer was the same on each occasion: 'leadership'. Now before you throw your Point 3 away or accuse me of arrogance, please first notice the use of the lower case 'l' and then allow me a word of explanation. What do I mean by 'leadership' in Toc H?

**F**irst, the leadership of the NMC. The National Management Committee (NMC) is the name given to the Trustees of Toc H. Technically they are not a management committee but they do nevertheless exercise overall control for policy-making, resources and direction. Generally in the voluntary sector a good deal is asked of trustees: they carry all the responsibility for the governance of the organisation. This is no less true in Toc H. Those members, and they have to be members of Toc H, who stand for election or co-option give significantly of their time, knowledge and energy often at personal financial cost to ensure that the organisation moves forward, is well managed, operates within the law and is financially sound.

**S**econd, the leadership given by staff. Staff have the responsibility for implementing the policy set by the NMC. During the past four years the staff team has been transformed, we have seen new names and faces, greater diversity, new roles, and the constant mantra of change. We have a new headquarters building, new ways of working, new regions, new initiatives, County Co-ordinators, new programmes, new themes, new challenges.

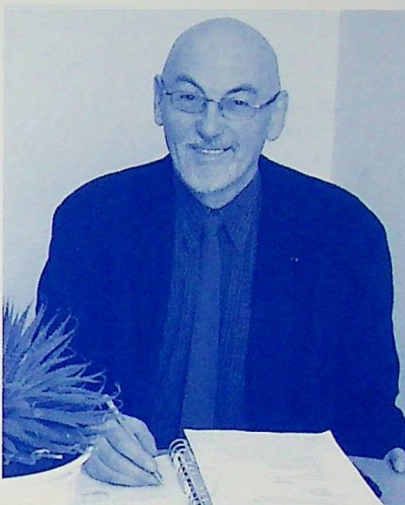
If I was to identify one area where we could do better it is in the relationship between members and staff. The comment with which I started was made in respect of two areas where members took responsibility for Toc H activity, and where recently staff have become directly involved again at my request. The impact has been significant in terms of increased activity and a matching increase in financial support for that activity.

Staff perform a vital function in an organisation like Toc H. Where necessary they ensure that professional standards are maintained, they ensure that funds can be identified and brought in to

# Leadership makes our lamp shine again

support project activity, they exercise both control and support for members.

There are numerous examples of how the relationship between members and staff works well in practice. Many projects simply would not happen if members did not take the initiative, raise funds locally and provide the volunteers. Staff involvement is never designed to take away from this responsibility. But it is also true that activities need to be monitored and



managed, volunteers have to be recruited and trained, finances must be controlled, and policies for the protection of children and vulnerable adults must be properly managed.

Two new senior staff have been appointed. Chris Duncan is based in Cheshire and Charmaine Odusina in Croydon. They will encourage greater co-ordination and the building of positive and constructive links between the developing professional practice of Toc H through *inTOUCH* and TalbotCentres and the members in the regions whose support is essential if the Toc H lamp is to continue to shine.

**T**hird, the leadership of members. Part of the uniqueness of Toc H is that it has always been a membership organisation. Members continue to be essential. New projects emerge from members identifying and responding to local needs, seeing what can usefully be done and setting about the task. Nearly all the projects

offered in 2004 have been developed by members.

There are new challenges coming forward for the membership as new activity is developed. We need volunteers as County Co-ordinators,

volunteers as mentors, volunteers in our transport schemes, volunteers in our Family Centres, volunteers to work with children, with young people leaving care, with adults.

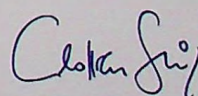
There is as much work to be done as we can find volunteers to do it, from practical hands-on support to fundraising.

Members still meet in branches and whilst the changes of recent years may not have led you to believe that it has always been true, I am certain that we now have an organisation and a governance structure that should encourage and support members in the formation of new branches. Central Services will happily register new branches, the NMC will welcome reports of new branches and staff will do all they can to ensure that new branches are supported in their Toc H activity.

**B**y maintaining a presence in communities Toc H members continue to offer community leadership. And in our work with Academies we will continue to offer leadership in citizenship, civil society and regeneration. Getting the Toc H lamp shining again has not been easy and there are continuing challenges as we continue to move ahead.

In Toc H we 'do' community. We all live in one and we are all, it seems from the newspapers we read, increasingly unhappy as a society that community is not what it was. People are at odds with each other, there is conflict and despair. But all our disparate activity in Toc H, from youth mentoring to community transport, our projects, our cameos, our TalbotCentres and our Academies are about rediscovering what Bishop David Sheppard once called 'The kingdom of right relationships'.

**The Toc H lamp is shining again in those places where we have helped people rediscover 'Community'.**



**Geoff Smith**  
Chief Executive



A column in which we ask people connected with Toc H to reflect on...

# Life, Toc H, the universe and all that stuff!

*In the series which invites people with Toc H connections to talk about themselves, we meet*  
**Manoj N L Joshi:**

Manoj N L Joshi, a member of the Toc H National Management Committee, is a British Hindu born in Uganda of Indian origin who arrived in the UK after the Idi Amin crisis in 1972.

A pharmacist, he works for AstraZeneca, the third largest pharmaceutical company in the world.

Manoj has contributed to many aspects of voluntary, charitable, faith and business activities in Bradford and district, regionally and nationally.

Among many appointments, he serves on Bradford Vision - the district's strategic partnership - as the first and only faith communities' representative on behalf of all the diverse faith groups - Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim.

Manoj is committed to raising economic regeneration, educational opportunities, and improving the quality of life for all the people of Bradford. He has created businesses in some of the most deprived parts of the inner city.

He was recently on three charity boards which collectively raised over £5 million for local causes.

Manoj is married to Bhavna and they have two children both at university, a

son, Heman, reading medicine and a daughter, Megha, reading politics.

**How did you first become involved with Toc H and why?**

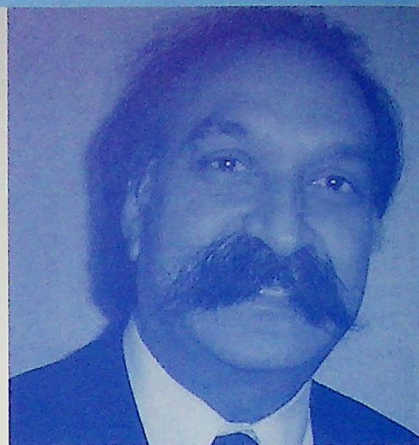
In 1992 my son Heman, then aged 12, was the recipient of an award by the Rotary Club of Bradford to attend a residential leadership course organised and run by Toc H. I was very impressed by Toc H and its commitment to invest in the training and development of young people and for the last two years I have been a member of the National Management Council.

**What would you regard as the main landmarks during your association with Toc H?**

When I first joined Toc H, it had just undergone a massive restructure and, therefore, during my two years I have contributed by helping Toc H to transform itself into the new, rejuvenated and reinvigorated organisation full of energy and vitality always ensuring that our biggest assets of membership and volunteers are fully involved in order to serve our "customers" right every time.

**Do you find that your profession, and other aspects of your life, are able to bring something positive to your support for Toc H?**

In addition to the equality and diversity benefits in the widest possible sense, I feel I have brought experience of business, community and voluntary work coupled with giving "service above self" and have been a role



model for integration and working for the greater good of all communities.

**What would you say to others to encourage them to support Toc H?**

Toc H has a glorious history and has transformed itself to meet the challenges of the New Millennium and 21st century while maintaining its tried and tested values. Toc H delivers and reaches communities where others do not.

**What are your main interests?**

If you mean, outside gainful employment or working for worthy causes, it's watching my son play rugby and cricket and my daughter play hockey. And I'm a master chef - not a lot of people know that!

**What are your hopes for the charity's future?**

To make the Toc H lamp burn big and bright so that it will enrich the lives of people who are fortunate and enlighten those who are less fortunate and in distress.

*Manoj Joshi has been appointed as a director of the new City Academy in Bradford, which Toc H is sponsoring.*

## We're not being rude!

Some five years ago, when the Toc H Finance and Properties Department staff was reduced, it was decided that it was no longer feasible to send an acknowledgement for money sent in unless a receipt was specifically requested.

This change in procedure was highlighted in Point 3 at the time but inevitably there have been changes of branch officers and membership since then. So here's a reminder that, although an acknowledgement is not automatically sent - no discourtesy is meant. We will send a receipt if you ask for one.

## Director's Briefing

Under new rules three members of the National Management Committee must stand for re-election: Manoj Joshi and Derek Ridgway have indicated that they are prepared to stand for election.

## Toc H AGM 2004

Wendy Parmley, Principal of the Archbishop Michael Ramsey Technology College, will be the guest speaker at the next AGM, which will be held on September 25th at St Ethelburga's in London.

## Point 3

Point 3 Editor is Sue Coffey who can be contacted c/o Toc H Central Services or email [info@zymo.co.uk](mailto:info@zymo.co.uk) Tel: 01274 841402. The deadline for the next Point 3 is Friday 9th July.

## Volunteers wanted

We are still looking for volunteers to join the developing County Co-ordinator team. If you want to enquire or actively volunteer please contact Cormac McCarthy on 0121 585 9887.